Governments to provide them free travel in buses and also include their names in the list of permanent invitees for State functions; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The facilities provided at present to the freedom fighters who are in receipt of pension from the Central Govt. include the following:—

(i) Freedom fighters have been provided facility of 1st class railway pass for themselves and for spouse/attendant for life. This facility has been extended to the widows of the freedom fighters also.

(ii) Free medical facilities are available to the freedom fighters in all Central Govt. hospitals and the hospitals run by the Public Sector Undertakings under the control of Bureau of Public Enterprises. Facilities of CGHS have also been extended to the freedom fighters and their dependants.

(iii) Residential accommodation is provided to freedom fighters of all India standing who are in need of medical treatment in Delhi and who do not own any house/flat in their names or in the names of their family members/ dependants anywhere in India.

(iv) A Freedom Fighters' Home has been set up in New Delhi to accommodate those freedom fighters who have none to look after them and are without any shelter or accommodation.

(v) It has been decided, from 15th August, 1952, to provide one telephone connection to each freedom fighter, subject to technical feasibility, at a place where he is normally available under the 'Non-OYT Swatantra Senani' category. No instalment fee would be charged under the 'Swatantra Senani' category and the subscriber will be charged only half the normal rental charges. Registration fee as applicable to non-OYT category would however, be charged under this category. The freedom fighters who have already availed of the telephone facility under Non-OYT/Special cetegory would be eligible only for the rental concession.

(b) and (c) As already indicated in reply to part (a) of the Question, free medical facilities in the Central Govt. hospitals, hospitals run by the Public Sector Undertakings and the CGHS Dispensaries are already available to the freedom fighters. On the suggestions of the Central Government, some State Governments have already provided some additional facilities to the freedom fighters including free travel in the State Transport buses. The State Governments have also been requested, time and again to give a prominent place to the freedom fighters in the Committees which are constituted at the Block, District and State levels. The State Governments are also expected to include the names of the freedom fighters in the list of permanent invitees for State functions.

Repair of Mirage-2000 engines at HAL

*296. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an arrangement has been made for repair and overhaul of Mirage-2000 engines at HAL with foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, the details of the terms of the arrangements; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to make optimum use of the capacity installed at various units of HAL?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Government have approved the setting up of facilities for overhaul of Mirage-2000 aircraft in the country. The overhaul of the aircraft and associated equipment will be undertaken at the HAL divisions and Air Force units in collaboration with manufacturers of the aircraft.

In addition to setting up overhaul and manufacturing facilities to meet the requirements of the Defence Services, HAL is making efforts to increase its share of business in the domestic civil aviation sector as well as to increase the export of components, aircraft and engine spares, computer software, repair & overhaul services, consultancy services and sub-contract work for aircraft manufacturers abroad.

*297. *[Transferred to 17th December, 1992.]*

Activities of Coal mafia in Talcher coalfields

*298. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal mafia has tightened its grip on coal mines of Talcher in Dhenkanal district of Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the failure of district police in enforcing law has resulted in increase in cases of extortion and intimidation in the area; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to check the mafia menace in the Talcher Coalfields?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) According to Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Coal mafia has not tightened its grip on coal mines of Talcher in Dhenkanal district of Orissa. On the contrary, District Police is enforcing law and order, preventing extortion and intimidation.

(c) Does not arise.

Joint Naval exercises with ASEAN Countries

*299. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan under consideration to invite ASEAN countries to participate in the joint Naval exercises; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed joint naval exercise is likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Navy had proposed to hold joint multi-lateral exercises with the Navies of the littoral states in our region. Presently, there are no plans to hold multilateral Naval exercises.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा गुजरात सीमा के रास्ते आतंकवादियों का भेजा जाना

*300. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान अपने प्रशिक्षित आतंकवादियों को गुजरात की सीमा की ओर से भारत में भेज रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए कौन-कौन से कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण): (क) सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पंजाब में भारत पाक सीमा पर सभी संवेदनशील हिस्सों तथा राजस्थान के कुछ भागों को सील किए जाने के परिणामस्वरूप पाकिस्तान, भारत में आतंकवादियों की घुसपैठ कराने के वैकल्पिक रास्ते खोज रहा है तथा इस संदर्भ में, हाल ही में, गुजरात की सीमा "सक्रिय" हो गई है।

(ख) सरकार ने आतंकवादियों की घुसपैठ को रोकथाम करने के लिए सभी आवश्यक तथा पर्याप्त उपाय शुरू किए हैं जिनमें अर्द्ध-सैनिक बलों की तैनाती को मजबूत बनाना, उनकी गश्त को गहन करना तथा सीमा पर चौकसी रखने के लिए अत्याधुनिक उपकरण जारी करना शामिल है।